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Title: Regarding relocation of villages in Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) in Rajasthan.

SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH (JHALAWAR-BARAN): There are three tiger reserves in the Rajasthan namely Ranthambhore, Sariska and Mukundra Hills. There are about 108 villages in the Critical Tiger Habitat (CTH) which are proposed to relocated. Out of these, 8 villages have been relocated so far and 100 villages having about 14000 families are remaining to be relocated from the CTH of these tiger reserves. It will require an amount of approximately Rs 1424 Crore. Central Assistance is imperative to ensure village relocation as envisaged in guidelines of Wildlife (protection) Act, 1972. Therefore, a request has been made to Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate change, Government of India by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan in August, 2015 to release an amount of Rs150 crores in the current financial year for relocation of villages from tiger reserve. Hence I request for the kind intervention of Hon'ble Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in the matter and an early release of fund for the same.

Apart from this, present package for relocation i.e. Rs 10 lakh per family is not adequate and villagers are not agreeing to this compensation. Therefore, I also request the Honorable Minister to provide suitable directions to National Tiger Conservation Authority for enhancement of existing package of Rs 10 lakh per family to Rs 30 lakh per family for Sariska Tiger Reserve and Rs 20 Lakh per family for Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve.